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# NOTICES OF MOTION

#### No. 18

#### TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2022

### **Notices of Motion**

- 16 The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:—
  - Notes that Agfest, Tasmania's premier agricultural and machinery field day event held at Quercus Park Carrick in the Minister's electorate of Lyons, runs from 24-27 August 2022, with their online component – 'Agfest in the Cloud' - from 27 August to 2 September 2022.
  - (2) Recognises Agfest continues to grow in size and reputation across its 39-year history - the first event in 1983 attracting 111 exhibitors and 9,000 patrons. The final full-scale event in 2019, prior to COVID-19, attracted 728 stallholders and 63,838 patrons.
  - (3) Further notes the event is a strong contributor to Tasmania's economy and agriculture sector, and many visitors and attendees take the opportunity to spend extra time in Tasmania.
  - (4) Acknowledges:—
    - (*a*) that the Agfest Committee is a volunteer role comprised of approximately 60 Rural Youth members, who are a non-profit organisation with members between the ages of 15 and 30; and
    - (b) that the Tasmanian Government has proudly provided funding to Agfest to ensure the continuity and growth of this iconic event.
  - (5) Tasmania has a booming agriculture sector and we are on track to sustainably reach our goal of \$10 billion farm-gate value by 2050, and events like AGFEST are an important part of Tasmanian agriculture.
  - (6) Congratulates the Agfest Committee and Rural Youth volunteers for their dedication in making Agfest the truly iconic, nationally recognised event it has become. (23 August 2022)
- 17 Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Notes that in addition to its significant human toll, the cost of the housing crisis is also felt across the economy and has an effect on the State Budget.
  - (2) Further notes the lack of affordable housing contributes to:—
    - (a) businesses and essential public services being unable to fill vacancies, particularly in regional areas;
    - (b) children missing out on schooling and other educational opportunities;
    - (c) the Government needing to spend more than \$100,000 a day on homelessness services;
    - (d) increased demand on health services, due to the physical and psychological impact of homelessness and housing stress, as well as the unhealthy state of many public housing properties;
    - (e) family violence victim-survivors returning to unsafe relationships;
    - (f) increased costs in the justice system, due to recidivism linked to homelessness and because people are unable to be granted parole due to a lack of a safe place to live; and
    - (g) increased levels of crime.
  - (3) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to recognise the hidden costs of the housing crisis and urgently increase its investment in community support services and social housing,

and take action to increase the amount and affordability of rental stock, and act quickly to remove unnecessary barriers to the construction of new housing. (23 August 2022)

- 18 Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges the numerous skills, planning, regulatory and infrastructure challenges that must be addressed in order to alleviate the housing crisis, including:—
    - (a) the lack of a single state-wide planning scheme, eight years after the Liberals promised to create one;
    - (b) significant shortcomings in the regulation of poor quality building work;
    - (c) a failure to regulate appropriately the short stay accommodation industry;
    - (d) significant and prolonged skill shortages across the building and construction sector;
    - (e) insufficient mechanisms to plan for and provide the transport, infrastructure and services needed for large-scale new developments;
    - (f) the clear need for a complete review of the Residential Tenancy Act;
    - (g) the substantial maintenance backlog in public and social housing properties; and
    - (*h*) the urgent priority of identifying locations where more transitional housing is needed.
  - (2) Calls on the Tasmanian Government to take immediate action to address these underlying causes and contributing factors of Tasmania's housing crisis. (23 August 2022)
- 21 Ms *O'Connor* to move—That the House calls on the Premier to update the House on the progress of the closure and replacement of Ashley Youth Detention Centre. (23 August 2022)
- 22 The Minister for Veterans Affairs to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Recognises that Legacy Week runs from 28 August to 3 September 2022.
  - (2) Notes:-
    - (a) that this week, first held in 1942, is the annual national appeal of Legacy Australia, an iconic national charity providing services to Australian families suffering after the incapacitation or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service;
    - (b) notes that funds raised during Legacy Week go to helping Legacy care for around 43,000 Australians, including widows in their senior years, younger widows with children, and veterans' dependant with a disability; and
    - (c) that funds raised assist Legacy in providing essential services including counselling, special housing, medical, advocacy and social support to Australian families and also help assist the education and development of the children of our deceased veterans.
  - (3) Acknowledges that Legacy Australia grew out of the Remembrance Club, formed in Hobart in 1923 by First World War hero, Tasmanian Major-General Sir John Gellibrand KCB DSO and Bar - something Tasmanians can be immensely proud of.
  - (4) Congratulates the staff, Legatees, and volunteers of Legacy, including the President of Legacy (Hobart), Mr Peter Hodge, Friends of Hobart Legacy and the President of Legacy (Launceston) Mr Spencer Davies, for their tireless efforts in supporting the families of our incapacitated and deceased veterans.
  - (5) Encourages Tasmanians to dig deep and support this important organisation. (24 August 2022)
- 23 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges the importance of Springvale Student Residence in providing safe and secure accommodation, support, and pastoral care for Year 7 to 12 students from rural and regional Tasmania for over 70 years.
  - (2) Thanks all staff involved in managing and running Springvale for their role in ensuring students from rural and regional Tasmania have been supported in accessing education.
  - (3) Notes the Minister for Education, Children and Youth, Hon. Roger Jaensch MP and his Department's decision to close Springvale Student Residence at the conclusion of the 2022 school year.
  - (4) Understands:—

- (a) the significant stress and anxiety felt by parents and students affected by the planned closure of Springvale Student Residence, including current and future students and residents; and
- (b) there are no comparable student accommodation alternatives providing the same level of support and care as Springvale Student Residence.
- (5) Recognises the incredible loss the closure of this service would be for rural and regional students and families.
- (6) Calls on the Government to reverse the decision to close Springvale Student Residence.
   (25 August 2022)
- 24 Dr *Broad* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges:-
    - (a) the serious financial pressure being placed on Tasmanian households by the rising cost of living;
    - (b) that the most acute pressure is currently being felt with basic, nondiscretionary expenses such as food, power and housing; and
    - (c) wages are not keeping pace with the soaring cost of living.
  - (2) Notes the retail trade data released on 5 September 2022 by the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows Tasmanian households are reducing their spending on "non-essential" items such as newspapers and books, recreational goods, furniture and other homewares, electrical goods, cosmetics and clothing.
  - (3) Accepts the cost of living crisis is now having a significant impact on a large number of Tasmanian retail businesses.
  - (4) Calls on the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff, MP, to support households and businesses with the soaring cost of living by capping power price increases at 2.5 per cent, scrapping his unfair new bin tax, and abandoning his wage cap policy for nurses, teacher, firefighters and other public sector workers. (6 September 2022)
- 25 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Understands the decision by the Tasmanian Government to join other states and reduce the Covid isolation period from seven days to five days for most workers has been widely criticised by medical and epidemiological experts.
  - (2) Notes several state AMA Presidents have voiced their deep concern about cutting isolation times, and questioned whether these changes are made for health reasons.
  - (3) Recognises the federal AMA estimates as many as 30% of people will remain infectious on days six and seven, and will be re-entering the community able to pass the virus on to co-workers, clients and the broader community.
  - (4) Further understands the reduction from seven to five days of isolation does not apply to people working in identified vulnerable settings, effectively creating two classes of workers and two layers of vulnerability to infection.
  - (5) Further notes medical advice that people's immunity from vaccination and previous infectious is likely to continue to wane, exposing them to waves of transmission from yet-to-emerge new variants, ongoing unsustainable demand on hospitals, and serious health outcomes including death and post-acute Covid conditions.
  - (6) Agrees the mandatory isolation of positive cases, and mask wearing in high-risk settings, remain crucial to managing the ongoing public health risk and burden of disease from Covid.
  - (7) Calls on the Minister for Health, Hon Jeremy Rockliff, MP, to release the medical and health advice that has been used to justify the shortened isolation period in Tasmania.
     (6 September 2022)
- 27 Ms O'Connor to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges the harrowing Commission of Inquiry evidence that revealed a culture of abuse and harm of children and young people at Ashley Youth Detention Centre.
  - (2) Supports calls from UNICEF, Amnesty International, the Prisoners Legal Service, and the national and state Commissioners for Children to remove young people from Ashley for their own safety.
  - (3) Understands the majority of children and young people detained at Ashley are on remand.

- (4) Notes that, due to current staffing pressures, the young people at Ashley spend most of their time locked in their rooms.
- (5) Expresses deep concern for the safety, education and wellbeing of children and young people detained at Ashley.
- Further acknowledges there are no impediments under the punitive and outdated (6) 'Youth Justice Act 1997' for alternative remand arrangements to be put in place to prevent the traumatisation of young people on remand at Ashley Youth Detention Centre.
- (7) Calls on the Government to declare, via Gazette notice, an alternative - therapeutic remand facility. (6 September 2022)
- 28 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—
  - Notes that:-(1)
    - there has never been more Tasmanians waiting for a health service: (a)
    - *(b)* that this places an unacceptable burden on our health system, communities and families:
    - (c)proportionately more Tasmanians languish on the elective surgery waiting list than in any other jurisdiction, with 19.3% of people waiting more than one year;
    - fewer Tasmanians are admitted for elective surgery within the clinically (d)recommended timeframe than anywhere else in Australia;
    - over nine thousand Tasmanians are waiting for necessary elective surgery; (e)
    - over fifty-five thousand Tasmanians are waiting to see a specialist; (f)
    - the inability to receive necessary medical care is detrimental to the wellbeing (g) of Tasmanians;
    - (*h*) overlong wait lists harmfully impact the Tasmanian health system, including General Practice, Emergency Departments, Ambulance services and the entire hospital system; and
    - long wait times for specialist appointments and surgeries reduce productivity *(i)* and negatively impact the Tasmanian economy.
  - (2)Acknowledges that:
    - the average waiting time for urgent patients to see a specialist is 249 days; (a)
    - *(b)* the average waiting time for semi-urgent patients to see a specialist is 429 days; and
    - the average waiting time for non-urgent patients to see a specialist is 519 days. (c)
  - Calls on the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff, MP to address the growing health needs of (3)the Tasmanian people by increasing funding to ensure:-
    - Tasmanians get access to specialist medical care where and when they need (a)it; and
    - *(b)* there is a properly resourced plan to reduce specialist wait lists. (6 September 2022)

29 The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:— (1)

- Notes:-
  - Tasmania is proud that Hobart is Australia's international Antarctic gateway; *(a)*
  - the Antarctic sector is an extremely valuable contributor to the Tasmanian *(b)* economy, employing almost 950 Tasmanians and injecting almost \$160 million into Tasmania's economy each year;
  - Hobart's biennial Australian Antarctic Festival, held for the first time in (c)September 2016, was founded by the Mawson's Hut Foundation;
  - the 2022 Festival was held from 24 August to 28 August 2022 after COVID-(d)19 forced the cancellation in 2020; and
  - (e) an estimated 20,000 people visited the various displays, expos, and activities over the course of the Festival.
- (2)Recognises that the Festival is the only event of its kind in Australia and provides visitors with the opportunity to enjoy a fascinating program of science and discovery, whilst also celebrating the rich international connection with the Antarctic and Hobart's position as a major Antarctic gateway city.
- Further notes the Attorney-General, Hon Elise Archer, MP, and Hon Guy Barnett, MP, (3) Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing had the opportunity to

attend the Bonjour Expeditioner! Exhibition held as part of the Festival's program, which featured postcards exchanged between students of Lansdowne Crescent Primary School, West Hobart and expeditioners from the French Antarctic Program, which has been coming to Hobart for more than 60 years.

- (4) Congratulates the Mawson's Hut Foundation, and all those involved in delivering a fantastic program that successfully delivered one of Tasmania's unique winter events.
   (7 September 2022)
- **30** The Minister for Energy and Renewables to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Notes that the latest round of Hydro Tasmania's Community and Innovation Grant programs will provide a range of community groups and organisations with approximately \$40,000 in funding support in 2022.
  - (2) Recognise that Hydro Tasmania has a long history of supporting the community, and is now in the sixth year of the community grant program and second year of innovation grants.
  - (3) Further notes that Hydro Tasmania Community and Innovation Grant recipients for 2022 include:—
    - (a) racing wheelchairs and throwing frames for the Tasmanian Little Athletics Association to support children with a disability to participate and have a fulfilling relationship with sport;
    - (b) promoting the safety of girls and women through the work of Girl Guides Tasmania leadership and self-development training;
    - (c) funding for Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania's "Healthy You" initiative, supporting individuals with Cystic Fibrosis with mental and physical wellbeing;
    - (d) laptops and mobile phones to support the work of staff at Fight Cancer Foundation's John Opie House;
    - (e) supporting women in the workforce to gain forklift and medium rigid truck licences with Blueline Laundry; and
    - (f) VHF radios for the Wynyard Volunteer Marinus Rescue to improve communication and safety for water users in the North West.
  - (4) Congratulates Hydro Tasmania and all funding recipients for these important initiatives, which will make a real difference in the community. (7 September 2022)
- 31 Mr *Winter* to move— That the House calls on The Minister for Energy and Renewables, Hon Guy Barnett, MP, to immediately update the House on the state of Hydro Tasmania's financial position. (7 September 2022)
- 32 Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House calls on the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Hon Felix Ellis, MP, to require that the terms of reference for the independent review of police procedures by former Solicitor-General, Michael O'Farrell, invite input from the Law Society of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Bar Association and Prisoners Legal Service Tasmania, before being finalised and that the finalised terms of reference be released publicly by the Minister before the review commences. (8 September 2022)
- 33 Ms *O'Connor* to move— That the House notes that the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hon Nic Street, MP, appears to have mislead the House on 8 September 2022 and calls on the Minister to clarify funding arrangements for the Bracknell Hall upgrade and explain his contradictory statements on the matter. (8 September 2022)
- 34 Ms O'Connor to move— That the number of Members to serve on the Joint Sessional Workplace Culture Oversight Committee on the part of the House of Assembly be extended to 5. (13 September 2022)
- 36 Ms *Finlay* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges that:—
    - (a) the Tasmanian salmon industry is Tasmania's biggest primary industry and has grown to a processed food value of \$1.154 billion (2019/2020), and

further spends around \$500 million per annum on the supply of goods and services from Tasmanian businesses;

- (b) Tasmanian salmon and trout farming creates 2,292 direct full-time equivalent jobs and more than 10,000 indirect full-time jobs, creating highly skilled, well paid pathways particularly in regional Tasmania; and
- (c) while supplying just 1.6 per cent of the world salmon supply, the Tasmanian Salmon industry is the largest fishery in Australia by both volume and economic value.
- (2) Notes:—
  - (a) that the 12-month moratorium on no net increase in leased farming areas in Tasmanian waters was promised to be lifted in September 2022;
  - (b) that the 10-year Salmon Plan Discussion Paper Q&A states "in relation to no net increase in total leasable area for finfish farming will still apply... until the new plan is finalised and takes effect"; and
  - (c) there is therefore confusion surrounding the promise to lift the moratorium, with questions being raised by industry, suggesting that it is in fact still in place, just under another name.
- (3) Calls on the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff, MP to:—
  - (*a*) clearly outline for Tasmanians and those working in the industry whether, as promised, the moratorium has in fact been lifted;
  - (b) outline for Tasmanians and those working in the industry whether the moratorium has in fact been extended until the release of the 10-year salmon plan, and continues to exist under a different name; and
  - (c) confirm that the release of the 10-year salmon plan has now been deferred. (27 September 2022)
- **38** Dr *Woodruff* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Recognises Julian Assange is an Australian citizen and a journalist with WikiLeaks who aided in exposing possible war crimes and civilian casualties in the release of documents which included Afghanistan War logs in 2010 and Guantanamo Bay files in 2011, supplied to WikiLeaks by Chelsea Manning, a former U.S. Army intelligence analyst.
  - (2) Notes that Mr Assange has been subject to isolation and imprisoned for 10 years.
  - (3) Recognises Mr Assange's impending prosecution by the United States of America constitutes a serious attack on the fundamental democratic freedoms of the press.
  - (4) Further notes:—
    - (a) allegations that the CIA illegally spied on US citizens while they visited Assange in the Ecuadorian embassy; and
    - (b) reports former US security officials have alleged that in 2017, following WikiLeaks' publication of details around a series of CIA hacking tools, CIA director Mike Pompeo and top agency leaders developed plans to have Assange murdered.
  - (6) Calls on:—
    - (a) the President of the United States, Hon Joe Biden, to intervene in the extradition and prosecution of Mr Assange, and instruct the US Attorney-General and US Department of Justice to withdraw all charges; and
    - (b) the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Anthony Albanese, MP and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon Senator Penny Wong, to write to the President of the United States, Hon Joe Biden and the US Ambassador to Australia, Ms Caroline Kennedy, to express concern regarding Mr Assange's prosecution. (27 September 2022)
- **39** Ms *O'Byrne* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges that Tasmanian school staff have done an extraordinary job throughout the Pandemic to minimise disruptions to learning and to support Tasmanian students.
  - (2) Notes:—
    - (*a*) that Tasmanian teachers are the lowest paid in the country;
    - (b) concern that the Government hasn't addressed workload, staff shortages and competitive pay to retain teachers and keep up with the cost of living in its public sector offer; and

- (c) that stop work action is a last resort for teachers and support staff, who are trying to improve education outcomes but need the support of Government.
- (3) Acknowledges industrial action by school staff is supported by parent associations and education stakeholders to lift learning outcomes.
- (4) Further notes the Liberal Government is prepared to spend \$375 million on a Hobart AFL stadium when the State's NAPLAN results are the worst they have ever been and too many Tasmanian children are struggling with reading, writing and numeracy.
- (5) Calls on the Liberal Government to support school staff so Tasmanian children can reach the expected standards in literacy and numeracy and engage in their learning. (27 September 2022)
- 41 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Notes that:—
    - (a) public sector workers deliver critical services relied on by Tasmanians every day; and
    - (b) inflation in Tasmania is increasing at 6.5%.
  - (2) Agrees that:—
    - (a) a wage increase that does not increase at the same rate as inflation is a wage cut in real terms;
    - (b) public sector workers deserve a wage increase that keeps up with the increase in cost of living;
    - (c) recruitment and retention of public sector workers is critical in being able to deliver public services needed by Tasmanians; and
    - (d) paying a comparably lower wage to other states and territories impacts negatively on recruitment and retention of public sector workers, and in turn, delivery of services in Tasmania.
  - (3) Calls on the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff, MP to recognise the real value of public sector workers to Tasmania, and to treat them with the respect they deserve in wage negotiations. (27 September 2022)
- 42 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Notes that:—
    - (*a*) Tasmania is in the grip of a health crisis;
    - (b) Tasmanian health care workers are at breaking point;
    - (c) Tasmania effectively has a part time Health Minister;
    - (d) the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) has the worst bed block in the country; and
    - (e) the Tasmanian Government has its priorities all wrong.
  - (2) Further notes that:—
    - (a) over 9,000 Tasmanians are waiting for necessary elective surgery;
    - (b) over 55,000 Tasmanians are on the "hidden waiting list" to see a specialist;
    - (c) ambulance response times in Tasmania have increased to an all-time high of 15 minutes;
    - (*d*) Tasmanians are not being seen in clinically recommended time frames at our emergency departments; and
    - (e) the Government has not funded the \$580m upgrade of the LGH promised at the last election.
  - (3) Calls on the Premier, Hon Jeremy Rockliff to get his priorities right, fund the LGH upgrade and invest in fixing the health crisis instead of funding a \$750m stadium in Hobart. (27 September 2022)
- 43 The Minister for Energy and Renewables to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Recognises that Girls in Power is a unique event offering young Tasmanian women in Years 9 and 10 an insight into the exciting opportunities a career in clean energy can provide.
  - (2) Notes that the program helps young women better understand STEM by seeing real life examples of how science, technology, engineering and maths are used to enhance renewable industries around Tasmania, and to meet the women already achieving great success in the sector.

- (3) Further notes that the event held in Southern Tasmania on 20 and 21 September 2022 was a huge success, with highlights including:—
  - (*a*) 29 students participated with four teachers from a variety of schools including public, independent and Catholic;
  - (b) students had an opportunity to engage with graduates from both TasNetworks and Hydro Tasmania;
  - (c) visits to Cattle Hill Wind Farm and Hydro Tasmania power stations; and
     (d) very positive feedback from the teachers and schools involved.
- (4) Further notes that learnings from the Southern event will now be incorporated into a Girls in Power event planned for Northern Tasmania in 2023.
- (5) Recognises that Girls in Power is supported by the Tasmanian Government, Hydro Tasmania, Entura, TasNetworks, Goldwind and ACEN Australia. (28 September 2022)
- 44 The Minister of Energy and Renewables to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:—

- (*a*) Deloraine's new Pump Track, featuring 140 metres of track for bikes, scooters and skaters in the Meander Valley region, is officially open; and
- (b) the Tasmanian Government supported construction of the Pump Track through a commitment in 2021.
- (2) Recognises and commends the Meander Valley Youth Committee and the Deloraine Lions Club who collaborated on this project together with the Meander Valley Council, for their dedication and commitment to the Meander Valley;
- (3) Acknowledges that community infrastructure such as the Pump Track provide communities with much needed facilities to gather together and share their passions as well as supporting healthy, active lifestyles. (28 September 2022)
- 45 The Minister of Energy and Renewables to move—That the House:—

(1) Notes:-

- (a) the Tasmanian Government was proud to support our international education community at the 2022 Study Tasmania International Education Awards, held on Monday, 26 September 2022 in Hobart;
- (b) the Study Tasmania International Education Awards is an annual event to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of international students and staff who work in the international education sector in Tasmania; and
- (c) the Tasmanian Liberal Government is proud of our international education community, with almost 9,000 international students from a wide range of countries currently studying with international education providers in Tasmania.
- (2) Acknowledges how tough these two and a half years have been for the international education sector and students and their significant efforts and perseverance during this very difficult period.
- (3) Congratulates all nominees across the eight award categories, our Student ambassadors and the Study Tasmania team within Department of State Growth for organising the event.
- (4) Congratulates all of the 2022 winners, noted below:—
  - (a) International Student of the Year (University) Aloka Senadeera;
  - (b) International Student of the Year (Vocational Education) Dhiren Chadha;
  - (c) International Student of the Year (School/Secondary College) \_ Ryunhyung (Lucy) Lee;
  - (d) International Student Aluma/Alumnus of the Year Mohammed (Neil) Isfarul Hogue;
  - (e) International Education Teacher/Staff of the Year Anne Kiely;
  - (f) Homestay Host of the Year Susan and Nick Bowler;
  - (g) Community Spirit of the Year Jane Franklin Hall; and
  - (*h*) Industry Partner of the Year Navitas Professional (28 September 2022)
- 47 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Notes that:—

- (a) Tasmania has had a part time Health Minister for six months;
- (b) Tasmanian patients are paying the price and health records are being broken for all the wrong reasons;
- (c) recent health dashboard data reveals that at the Emergency Department at the Royal Hobart Hospital just 40 per cent of patients were seen within four hours

   its worst ever result and nowhere near the 90 percent promised by the Liberal Government in 2018;
- (d) the Emergency Department at the Launceston General Hospital recorded its worst ever result with just 41 per cent of patients seen within four hours;
- (e) median ambulance response times last month reached the unprecedented and unwanted milestone of 15 minutes; and
- (f) waiting lists to see a Specialist have more than doubled across Tasmania's four major hospitals since the Liberal Government came to power.
- (2) Acknowledges:—
  - (a) Specialist wait times have increased 145 per cent at the North West Regional Hospital and 170 per cent at the Launceston General Hospital; and
  - (b) EDs, ambulances and specialist appointments are some of the most basic parts of our health system, and under the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff, MP's part-time leadership they're all going from bad to worse.
- (3) Calls on Premier Jeremy Rockliff to get his priorities right, keep his promises and appoint a full time Health Minister. (18 October 2022)
- 49 Ms *White* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Expresses its sincere gratitude to all the emergency service workers, volunteers and members of the public who worked tirelessly to protect the northern Tasmanian community during the recent major flood event.
  - (2) Acknowledges the significant damage that has occurred to public and private property with devastating impacts on social and community infrastructure.
  - (3) Commends the efforts of countless community members, emergency service workers and volunteers who have worked tirelessly since the flood waters started to recede in the massive clean-up effort underway.
  - (4) Recognises the growing regularity of extreme weather events and the need to work proactively across our State to help protect our community from the worst impacts.
  - (5) Understands that the impact of the floods on some parts of our community will take some time to recover from and will require ongoing support and assistance.
  - (6) Commits to support all individuals, businesses and communities affected by the floods to rebuild and recover as quickly as possible. (18 October 2022)
- 51 Ms O'Connor to move:—
  - (1) That a Select Committee be appointed with power to send for persons, papers and records, to inquire into and report upon the management of fresh water in Tasmania, with the following Terms of Reference:—
    - (a) consideration of the existing legislative, regulatory, and policy framework for fresh water management in Tasmania, including the roles and responsibilities of entities involved in fresh water management;
    - (b) consideration of the National Water Initiative as it relates to Tasmania;
    - (c) assessment of the of the impact of the existing water governance model on economic, social, cultural, and environmental outcomes;
    - (d) examination of the future opportunities and risks associated with fresh water management in Tasmania, particularly in the context of climate change impacts and projected growth in the agricultural sector;
    - (e) examination of legislative, regulatory, and policy frameworks in other jurisdictions in respect of fresh water management;
    - (f) any other matters incidental thereto.
  - (2) That the number of Members to serve on the Committee on the part of the House be six:—
    - (a) three nominated by the Leader of the House;
    - (b) two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition; and
    - (c) one nominated by the Leader of the Tasmanian Greens.
  - (3) That the Committee report by 30 July 2023. (19 October 2022)

- 52 The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Notes:-

(3)

- (a) Master Builders of Tasmania held the 2022 Tasmanian Awards for Excellence on Saturday 15 October 2022, with 118 entries in 40 categories from projects across Tasmania; and
- (b) these entries showcased Tasmania's outstanding efforts and high quality of the building and construction industry.
- (2) Acknowledges the major Award winners as follows:—
  - (a) Commercial Builder of the Year + Specialist Contractor of the Year to Fairbrother Construction;
  - (b) Residential Builder of the Year to Mead Con;
  - (c) Hands-on Apprentice of the Year to Mitchell Suleau of Stubbs Construction Pty Ltd.;
  - (d) State Apprentice of the Year, to Zac Smith of Vos Construction & Joinery; and
  - (e) Young Builder of the Year Award, Brad Goodwin of CBC Custom Building.
  - Further notes, category winners, being:-
    - (*a*) Vos Construction & Joinery;
    - (b) Scott Flett Architecture Workshop;
    - (c) Dillon Builders;
    - (*d*) Valley Workshop;
    - (e) Fairbrother Construction;
    - (f) JA Building & Construction;
    - (g) Mick King Contracting;
    - (*h*) Stubbs Constructions;
    - (*i*) Oliver Kelly Group;
    - (j) Wilson Homes;
    - (k) Jamieson Edwards Builders;
    - (*l*) Eiszele Construction;
    - (*m*) Faulkner Building;
    - (*n*) Mead Con;
    - (*o*) 3D Construction and Developments;
    - (*p*) Delaney & Co and Clever Design;
    - (q) Scott Flett Architecture Workshop;
    - (r) Hutchinson Builders;
    - (s) Oliver Kelly Group;
    - (*t*) Beardwood;
    - (*u*) Burleigh & Dean Constructions; and
    - (v) Aspect Building Solutions.
- (4) Congratulates all entrants for their important contribution to the building and construction industry in Tasmania. (25 October 2022)
- 53 The Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing to move—That the House:
  - (1) Recognises:—
    - (*a*) that the first Longford Show was held on 4 November 1857 behind the Blenheim Inn, moving to an autumn show in 1858; and
    - (b) the Longford Show Committee, volunteers, sponsors, donors, and patrons who support this event and contribute to its ongoing success.
  - (2) Acknowledges the importance of the Longford Show as a traditional, grassroots agricultural show in the Lyons electorate that showcases some of the best agriculture in Tasmania.
  - (3) Notes that 2022's well-attended event showcased and promoted the local agricultural industries, featuring sheep judging, sheaf tossing, wood chopping, as well as fine local produce and entertainment.
  - (4) Congratulates the Longford Show Committee on putting together another fantastic showcase. (25 October 2022)
- 54 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that:—
  - (a) the first five years of a child's life are the most important in a child's development and the Child Health and Parenting Service (CHAPS) is a critical service families in Braddon rely on;
  - (b) important childhood developmental checks are being missed with the Liberal Government failing to fill a number of CHAPS vacancies in the North West;
  - (c) it is estimated there are currently 10 CHAPS vacancies on the North-West Coast with the service reported to be operating in escalation mode for the past five year;
  - (d) instead, parents are being offered telehealth appointments with only those at risk given priority for face to face assessments; and
  - (e) this means children under five are not receiving timely and important physical assessments for their developmental checks and parents may be at risk of post-natal depression if they are unable to access support services.
- (2) Calls on the Premier and Minister for Health, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff, MP, to outline his plan to fill these vacancies, as well as ensure the service's existing, dedicated staff are provided with the support and resources they need to do their important work. (25 October 2022)
- 55 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Acknowledges that:—
    - (*a*) the closure of one lane on the Cam River Bridge due to flood damage has caused significant disruption to the NW community and economy;
    - (b) 18 thousand workers, students and commuters use the Cam River Bridge each day;
    - (c) small businesses and their workers on the Bass Highway have been severely impacted by the traffic queues and decrease in business caused by the lane closure;
    - (*d*) the Cam River Bridge is critical infrastructure, a major freight route and link to essential services that connects our community and economy;
    - (e) contractors on site are working around the clock to ensure both lanes on the bridge can open by the weekend and this House thanks them for their work; and
    - (f) traffic management continues to be an issue on the Bass Highway.
  - (2) Notes that:—
    - (*a*) the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Hon. Michael Ferguson, MP and the Government have known of the issues with the Cam River Bridge for years but the Liberal Government has failed to come up with a contingency plan.;
    - (b) in 2021, Labor announced it would build an additional bridge to ensure fourlane access across the Cam River; and
    - (c) the Liberal Government has committed to building one new bridge with two lanes.
  - (3) Calls on the Premier to commit to funding and building a second crossing across the Cam River. (25 October 2022)
- 58 Ms *Haddad* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Notes:—
    - (*a*) that Tasmania has the weakest electoral donation laws in the country;
    - (b) that without significant reform, a lack of transparency and accountability will continue to prevail in Tasmanian politics;
    - (c) that following the 2018 election, the Government committed to introducing electoral donation law reform but has not yet delivered on that promise;
    - (d) that draft legislation to modernise Tasmania's electoral laws was released for public comment on 24 August 2021, with a consultation period open until 28 September 2021;
    - (e) that two Bills were finally introduced in May 2022;
    - (f) that in August 2022 the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff, MP, failed to commit to debating the legislation, stating simply that "the Bill has been tabled"; and

- (g) that in August 2022, the Attorney-General, Hon. Elise Archer, MP, stated in Parliament that "it is our expectation that we will be debating that this year".
- (2) Calls on the Government to bring on its legislation for debate in 2022 so Tasmania no longer has the weakest electoral laws in the country. (25 October 2022)

The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Tasmania's Control Rooms are often the first point of contact for Tasmanians who call Triple Zero in need of Tasmania's emergency services.
- (2) Recognises that International Control Room Week was 24 30 October 2022 in recognition of the life-saving and life-changing roles those who work in our control centres across the Tasmanian emergency sector provide.
- (3) Further notes:—
  - (*a*) that during the recent flood events in the north and north-west of Tasmania, the State Emergency Service received over 667 calls to their central hotline to provide assistance to Tasmanians in need.
  - (b) the significant benefit of the Tasmanian Government's \$6.5 million investment into the new State Operations Centre, which is available during emergency events for emergency services to respond to disasters and critical incidents.
- (4) Congratulates all emergency service workers for the role they play in keeping Tasmanians safe. (27 October 2022)
- 61 Ms *Dow* to move—That the House:—
  - (1) Notes that:—
    - (a) access to mental health services in Tasmania is worsening under the Liberal Government, with alarming statistics from the Australian Medical Association (AMA) showing the extent of the crisis;
    - (b) Tasmania has seen the biggest reduction in mental health beds in public hospitals in the entire country;
    - (c) Tasmania has the longest emergency department stay time for mental health patients in the country;
    - (d) one in ten people who presented to the Emergency Department (ED) with a mental health condition waited nearly 22 hours to be seen an increase of more than 50% in just the last four years; and
    - (e) among those patients who were subsequently admitted, one in ten waited more than 28 and a half hours in ED.
  - (2) Further notes:—
    - (*a*) mental health workforce shortages, driven by poor conditions and wages, are also contributing to the crisis across mental health services; and
    - (b) the Liberals have made big promises when it comes to better mental health services including 27 new beds in the South, upgrading the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) and redeveloping the Spencer Clinic at the North West Regional Hospital, but to date very little has been funded or delivered.
  - (3) Calls on the Government to get its priorities right and address the mental health crisis by funding and delivering more mental health beds across Tasmania instead of focusing on building a \$750 million stadium in Hobart. (8 November 2022)

SHANE DONNELLY, Clerk of the House